



307-15

County of Nassau Inter-Agency Memo

To: Clerk of the County Legislature
From: County Attorney
Date: July 27, 2015
Subject: RESOLUTION - ORIG. DEPT. – Department of Public Works

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY GOALS IN
THE COUNTY OF NASSAU.

The above-described document attached hereto is forwarded for your review and approval and subsequent transmittal to the County Legislature for inclusion upon its calendar.

CARNELL T. FOSKEY
County Attorney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Podlesak", is written over the printed name of the Deputy County Attorney.

By: Gerald R. Podlesak
Deputy County Attorney

Attachments

2015 JUL 27 P 12:09
RECEIVED
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
NASSAU COUNTY



Grant Agreement / Local Resolution Form

Department: Public Works Not a DCJS Agreement: ☐Details Department has Reviewed DCJS Conditions: ☐ If checked, signature is electronic onlineLocal Resolution Title/Program: New York State Climate Smart Communities Program – Adopting Climate Smart Community Goals in the County of NassauTerm: N/A to N/A Check all that applies:

| Grant Agreement | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> /Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mandated Program | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local Resolution and/or application | |
| Local Resolution required | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Application Included | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Program, Fund, or Source | Amount |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| County cash match | \$ 0 |
| County in-kind | \$ 0 |
| Federal | \$ - |
| State | \$ 0 |
| Other | \$ - |
| TOTAL | \$ 0 |

Routing Slip

| DATE ROUTED | Department | Comments/Action | DATE APPROVED (initials) | Signature | Leg. Name/Initial |
|----------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------|--|
| | Department Name | <u>Public Works</u> | <u>7/29/15</u> | <u>S</u> | <u>8822</u> |
| | GM | <i>Approved for submission</i> | | | |
| | OMB | <i>(review by OMB bypassed if no County funds committed)</i> | | | |
| | County Attorney | <i>Approved for submission (drafts Local Resolution if required)</i> | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | LEG Legislative Affairs | <i>Approved for submission to Rules <input type="checkbox"/>/ Leg. <input type="checkbox"/></i> | | | |
| | County Comptroller | <i>(bypassed for Grant Application)</i> | | | |
| | CDCE | <i>Signed (bypassed for grant application if not required or already submitted)</i> | <u>7/27/15</u> | <u>M</u> | |
| | Department | <i>Agreement sent to grantor <input type="checkbox"/> Or Local Resolution approving application sent grantor upon receipt of stamped resolution from County Attorney and, if necessary, signed application from CDCE <input type="checkbox"/></i> | | | |



Grant Agreement or Local Resolution Summary

Subject:

Purpose: Pursuant to the NYS Climate Smart Communities Program, administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the County is considering adopting a Climate Smart Communities Pledge. Formally adopting the Climate Smart Communities Pledge initiates the County's commitment to GHG emission reduction and climate adaptation. The Climate Smart Communities Pledge includes all the elements of a successful local climate program. By reducing GHG emissions and preparing for a changing climate, local climate programs protect public health and safety, and support a secure economic future.

Benefits to the County:

- **Eligibly for NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) programs** – Climate Smart Communities energy efficiency project implementation.
- **Saving taxpayer dollars:** Reducing energy costs and improving operational efficiency will save taxpayer dollars for many years after the initial cost is paid. Climate smart land use practices can lower the cost of infrastructure and public services.
- **Improving operations and infrastructure:** Increasing the efficiency of buildings and facilities saves operating dollars and often reduces other air pollutants at the same time, both within facilities and in the community at large. Modernized infrastructure will better support community services and will provide a more effective environment for municipal workers.
- **Increasing energy independence and security:** The cheapest energy is energy that is not used. When a community lowers its energy consumption, it becomes less vulnerable to restrictions in foreign energy sources, and keeps more of its energy dollars within the local or regional economy.
- **Demonstrating leadership:** Each Climate Smart Community joins the state's most forward-thinking municipalities in active climate protection. Climate Smart Communities benefit from the experience and knowledge of communities with mature programs, and in turn help other communities to get started. The Climate Smart Communities Pledge demonstrates that local government is acting to protect the future of its citizens and of coming generations, reassures concerned citizens and invites everyone to join in doing something about climate change.
- **Positioning for economic growth:** Providers of "green" (energy efficiency and renewable energy) products and services -- and the workers who install and maintain these products -- will benefit as communities increase efficiency and adopt clean technologies. Green technologies generate more jobs per dollar than conventional fuel technologies, and these dollars are more likely to be retained in the local economy. According to the American Solar Energy Society, the renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors have the potential to generate up to 37 million jobs by 2030 -- more than 17 percent of all anticipated employment in the nation.

Next Steps: Subsequent to the adoption of the CSC Pledge, the County shall form a task force that is responsible for guiding the preparation of a Climate Action Plan. The Plan would include recommendations for reducing GHG emissions and energy-related costs to the County, as well efforts to support and create additional jobs in the green industry sector. The Plan would highlight the existing work of the County and County departments in the areas of asset management and efficiency, renewable energy initiatives and other GHG emissions-reduction initiatives of the Administration.

Description of General Provisions: The attached Climate Smart Communities "County Pledge".



County funding commitment required: The County is not required to fund the preparation of the Plan; however, the Task Force will be made up of County employees who will be asked to attend regular meetings during the development of the Plan. The preparation of the Plan itself, as well as program guidance, will be provided at no cost to the County by Cameron Engineering and the Sustainability Institute at Molloy College. Both Cameron and Molloy are under a contract with the State to provide technical assistance and plan drafting services to participating municipalities on Long Island.

Change in Grant Agreement from any prior award: NO

Recommendation: Approve as submitted

Staff Contact Information

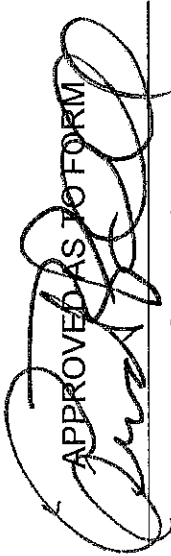
| Dept. Head | Dept. Grant Manager | Granting agency contact |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Name: Shila Shah-Gavroudis | Name: | Name |
| Phone 516-571-9604 | Phone | Phone |

Document Prepared By: Sean Salle, Planning Supervisor, NCDPW

Date: March 26, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. – 2015

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY GOALS IN
THE COUNTY OF NASSAU.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Deputy County Attorney

RECEIVED
NASSAU COUNTY
CLERK OF COURTS
2015 JUL 27 P 12:10

WHEREAS, Nassau County is fully supportive of policy and operational improvements to become more environmentally sustainable; and

WHEREAS, environmental sustainability can be defined as providing current and future generations access to adequate public infrastructure clean drinking water, quality housing and businesses; and protecting natural resources, local agriculture and ecology, including native fish and wildlife populations; to current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the world are also addressing sustainability and realizing quantifiable environmental, social and economic benefits; and,

WHEREAS, Nassau County has identified energy conservation as crucial in achieving a sustainable future and energy conservation and resulting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions will require sustained and collaborative efforts; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has established a Climate Smart Communities program to encourage local governments to develop successful, sustainable emissions reduction initiatives; and

WHEREAS, local governments can create opportunities for addressing sustainability goals by creating livable, energy-independent and secure communities, developing vibrant innovative economies, promoting healthy and safe schools and build resilient infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nassau should establish itself as a Climate Smart Community (CSC) and take the necessary steps to become a more efficient, successful and sustainable County government; now, therefore be it;

RESOLVED, that the County of Nassau, in the interest of realizing the environmental and economic benefits of becoming more sustainable, shall engage in the following activities:

1. Pledge to Combat Climate Change by Becoming a Climate Smart Community (CSC): Work with State and local governments, and the Climate Smart Community Coordinator(s) as an active participant in the Climate Smart Community program.
2. Set Goals, Inventory Emissions, Move to Action: Gather data, inventory County GHG gas emissions, and establish baselines for County government operations; develop interim GHG targets consistent with emission reduction goals; develop an emissions action plan; report emissions to The Climate Registry and use related tools to track and evaluate the County's progress.
3. Decrease Energy Demand and costs for County Government Operations: Inventory electricity and other energy usage at existing County facilities, consider opportunities to increase energy efficiency and conservation, and adopt a goals for reducing energy use; achieve LEED standards for new facility construction; incorporate energy efficient technology, operations and maintenance practices for County infrastructure; and improve fuel efficiency and sustainability of County fleet vehicles.
4. Increase the Use of Renewable Energy for County Government Operations: Supply as much of the County government's power requirements as possible through renewable energy sources, either by purchase or direct generation.

5. Realize the Benefits of Recycling and Other Climate Smart Solid Waste Management Practices at the County Level: Reduce solid waste generation by County government; promote the reuse of items when possible; provide recycling containers in County government buildings; and promote expanded “Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle” initiatives to the public.
6. Promote Climate Protection Through County Planning: Combat climate change through County planning, when possible, and preserve and protect open space, biodiversity and water supplies.
7. Plan for Adaptation to Unavoidable Climate Change: Evaluate risks for unavoidable climate change and develop adaptation strategies; identify climate change impacts that could affect Nassau County, including critical impact areas that may be at risk due to rising sea-levels or other changes; factor climate risks into long-term investments and decision making; execute an adaptation plan and preparedness measures through County planning, development and operations, prioritizing the highest risk areas and coordinating the plan with the County’s Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and the plans of Nassau County municipalities.
8. Support a Green Innovation Economy in Nassau County: Identify opportunities to incorporate climate protection, sustainability and environmental goods and services industries to the County’s economic development plans; encourage workforce development training and school curricula that support the green collar job sector, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and climate smart solid waste management practices; obtain climate smart goods and services for County government operations and support modernization of local and national electricity grids.
9. Inform and Inspire the Public on Climate Smart Communities: Lead by example; highlight County commitments to reducing energy use, saving tax dollars and adapting to changing conditions; demonstrate the benefits of energy savings, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects increasing community awareness, working with school districts, colleges and universities to develop climate change curricula and programs, and regularly communicate County climate protection goals and progress to constituents.
10. Commit to an Evolving Process: Acknowledge that research and policy on climate protection are constantly improving and evolving; be willing to consider new ideas and commit to update plans and policies as needed; compare successes, cooperate and collaborate with neighboring communities to redirect less-effective actions and amplify positive results.;
11. Develop and adopt a Climate Action Plan as a policy of Nassau County that addresses each of the prior strategies;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that, in the furtherance of the activities set forth in this Resolution, the County shall establish a Climate Smart Community Task Force (“Task Force”) comprised of County officials and community members to examine climate change issues and propose a plan of action; and that the Task Force shall be comprised of the following sixteen (16) members:

1. Three (3) members to be designated by the County Executive, one of whom shall be an employee of the County, who shall serve as the Nassau County Climate Smart Coordinator and the chair of the Task Force;
2. The Chair of the County Planning Commission;
3. The Vice-chair of the County Planning Commission;
4. A member of the County Planning Commission to be designated by the Chair of the County Planning Commission;
5. The Chair of the Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee, or his or her designee;
6. The Chair of the Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District, or his or her designee;
7. Two (2) members to be designated by the Presiding Officer of the County Legislature
8. One (1) member to be designated by the Minority Leader of the County Legislature;
9. The Commissioner of the County Department of Public Works, or his or her designee;
10. The Commissioner of Health, or his or her designee;
11. The Director of Purchasing, or his or her designee;
12. A representative from NICE Bus;
13. The Vice President for Administration and Planning of Nassau County Community College, or his or her designee;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall be charged with examining the issues of climate change and greenhouse gas emissions as they relate to County government, propose a plan of action, which shall be called a Climate Action Plan (CAP); and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of this Task Force shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this legislation by the Legislature and County Executive, which meeting shall be convened by the chairman of the Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall hold regular meetings, keep a record of all its proceedings, and determine the rules of its own proceedings with special meetings to be called by the chairperson upon his or her own initiative or upon receipt of a written request therefor signed by at least three (3) members of the Task Force. Written notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given by the secretary to each member at least four (4) days before the date fixed by the notice for such special meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, that seven (7) members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to transact the business of the Task Force at both regular and special meetings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Task Force may conduct such informal hearings and meetings at any place or places within the County of Nassau for the purpose of obtaining necessary information or other data to assist it in the proper performance of its duties and functions as it deems necessary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall cooperate with the Legislative Committees of the County Legislature and make available to each Committee's use, upon request, any records and other data it may accumulate or obtain; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall produce and submit to the County Legislature a Draft Climate Action Plan for Nassau County, which will describe the recent accomplishments, strategies, policies and measures that Nassau County can adopt to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase the community's resilience to unavoidable climate change; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the employee of Nassau County designated by the County Executive as the 'Nassau County Climate Smart Coordinator', shall also serve as Chair of an 'Green Committee' representing various departments and offices of Nassau County, and be empowered to call meetings of this committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the "Green Committee" shall consist of heads of departments and offices of Nassau County government including but not limited to the Department of Public Works, the Office of Purchasing, the Planning Department, Parks Department, and other departments of the Nassau County Government that will be instrumental in implementing climate smart actions in government operations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW

as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING OF LEGISLATION

NAME OF ITEM 2015 – resolution climate pledge

ATTORNEY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEM – GRP

CHECKLIST (attorney - please write N/A where an action is not necessary; please initial where an action has been completed; first step should generally be completed by attorney):

ITEM WAS ENTERED IN EXCEL OR PROLAW x

SIGN OFF BY BUDGET

DCE SIGNATURE ON RECOMMENDATION

SIGN OFF BY CONNIE

CLERK ITEM NUMBER WAS ADDED TO STAFF SUMMARY

CLERK ITEM NUMBER WAS ENTERED IN EXCEL/PROLAW

ITEM WAS ADDED TO THE LATEST PROPOSED CALENDAR IN WORD (open (G:) drive)

FOUR COPIES WERE MADE

ONE COPY WAS FILED IN CLERK'S OFFICE

THE RESOLUTION WITH ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY APPROVING AS TO FORM, PLUS ANY RECOMMENDATION WITH ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF DCE, WAS FILED ALONG WITH THE ONE COPY

DATE OF FILING WAS NOTED IN EXCEL OR PROLAW

RECEIPT WAS FILED IN BUREAU FILE

COPIES WERE FILED IN MAIN BUREAU FILE AND IN EXTRA COPY FILE

COPY WAS DELIVERED TO CONNIE

DCA CHECK WHEN ITEM EMAILED TO THE CLERK

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS: